

The rise of 'respectable totalitarianism'

Today the Democrats dropped the second shoe in their crusade to make the United States an absolute totalitarian state. Their proposal to 'pack the Supreme Court' by expanding the number of nine justices to thirteen would satisfy their long-held ambition to make the U.S. a one-party state, effectively eliminating any debate or dissent on their party's radical ideology.

The news conference led off with Massachusetts Senator and Democrat Edward Markey who decried the 'weaponization' of the Supreme Court by the Trump Administration and Senator Mitch McConnell and stated that the court was "broken" and needed repair by reconstituting it to be more in line with the dominant political opinion in the country. He stated that America 'needed' four more justices and that President Joe Biden should appoint them. Markey made several totally fallacious statements about the Court 'failures' to adequately reflect the views of the country (read: liberals' views) before handing off the microphone to the Chairman of the Congressional Judiciary Committee, Jerrold Nadler, who rubber-stamped Markey's assertions and added that expanding the Court was well within the purview of the Legislative Branch and that in order to do that the filibuster must be eliminated. (By way of background, the Court has functioned with nine members since 1869 or 152 years.)

Congressional Representative Mondaire Jones from New York capped off the Democrats' argument for court-packing by stating that the Roberts Court was "hostile to democracy" and has tried to systematically dismantle justice for ideological reasons. With a straight face, Jones went on to say that the 'Judiciary Act of 2021' was "not about political parties." In answering questions from the press, Senator Markey doubled-down on what he called the *illegitimacy* of the Court and said that the Republicans and the Trump Administration totally ignored the will of the people by confirming three 'Republican' justices.

Pressure groups also got their podium time. Director of the 'Indivisible Project,' Meagan Mays, showed her organization's political bias when she accused Justice Brett Kavanaugh as being "hideously unqualified" and complained that Justice Amy Coney-Barrett didn't properly acknowledge "climate change." Jones chimed in and said that an expansion of the Court was necessary to give "Black and Brown" people back their voting rights. All in all, the scene was surreal when you consider the phony accusations of the Court and the downright and insults to the individual (principally strict constructionist) justices.

The lies told from the podium were only exceeded by the speakers' hubris and their bald totalitarian ambitions. Their plan is: 1. eliminate the filibuster, 2. not wait for the report of the President's Commission on Court expansion, 3. if the legislation to eliminate the filibuster were to be passed by 51 votes then the next step would be to pass the legislation in the Senate with only 51 (Democrat) votes. Finally, the President would sign the bill and then be free to appoint four new justices to the Court. When asked about possible Republican support, Markey said that he hoped there would be some but that it wasn't necessary. They were prepared to 'go it alone' to return 'fairness' to the Court.

To those of us who have studied abuses of political power throughout history, this latest court-packing ploy of the Democrats is perfectly in line with other regimes' moves towards totalitarian control. It's especially transparent now as the Democrats seek to destroy two-party rule in the country through a combination of Presidential Executive Orders and single-party supported legislation. All that stands in their way is an independent Supreme Court. Once over that hurdle, they can 'run the table' and work on destroying what little individual freedom might still reside with the average citizen and subordinate all aspects of human life to the complete and unquestioning authority of the State. In 1920, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini coined the term *totalitario* and this came to characterize the new fascist state of Italy, which he described as "all within the state, none outside the state, none against the state." By the beginning of World War II, 'totalitarian' had become synonymous with absolute and oppressive single-party government.

Others of the time and over time like Stalin in Russia, Hitler in Germany, Mao in China and the Kim family in North Korea adopted political totalitarianism as their chosen form of governing their masses.

How close are we to see totalitarian control in the USA?

There's no question in my mind that we are moving rapidly in that direction as the current Administration is using government agencies to investigate the political opinions/motives of average Americans who disagree with the Democrat orthodoxy. Corporate America has bought into the specious arguments of the existence of systemic White supremacy and rampant racism that Marxist organizations like Black Lives Matter say are sapping the rights of Black Americans. Our children are being indoctrinated with 'critical race theory' and the military is choosing 'diversity' over 'security,' We are observing an alarming increase in social media vendettas against free speech and limitations placed on our movements and assembly due to the Coronavirus pandemic, not to mention a fevered push to confiscate or limit the ownership of weapons.

Media lies and habitual media liars are unbowed and go unchallenged. Big tech companies are tightening their stranglehold on 'unacceptable,' un-PC' or *misinformation* writings. Thousands of YouTube videos or 'inflammatory' blogs that criticize the prevailing wisdom and talking points of the government are taken down every single day. Religious institutions and Conservative think tanks and their members are coming under repeated attacks. The grip of the totalitarians on the Left is becoming unbreakable save for a few brave authors, media outlets and patriotic protesters who refuse to bend to the demands of the 'approved ideology purveyors.'

Barring a dramatic pushback from America's free-thinkers and free speech advocates our slide towards totalitarianism will be complete if and when the Democrats get their way with the abolition of the filibuster and achieve packing the Court with four more Liberal justices who care more for their ideological masters than insuring democracy and freedom for the rest of us.

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